

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2007. Claims 13-14, 16-22, 24, 27-32, 34 and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 13, 24 and 31 are currently amended. In order to expedite prosecution and allowance of this application, claims 1-12, 15, 23, 25-26 and 33 have been cancelled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement because the claims were amended to include devices arranged in a "unidirectional" configuration which the Examiner asserts is not supported in the specification. The claims have now been amended to remove the "unidirectional" limitation and thus the Section 112 rejection should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Acres et al., of record, in view of Creating One Industry Standard for Manufactures of Electronic Games of Chance ("Creating One Industry Standard"), of record, Universal Serial Bus ("USB"), of record and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,623,490 to Dufresne et al. (hereinafter "Dufresne"). As stated above, in order to expedite prosecution and allowance of this application, claims 1-12, 15, 23 and 25-26 have been cancelled.

On page 4, lines 4-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner's response to Applicant's arguments recites "Regarding applicant's arguments drawn towards the position based system rather than an addressable based system in the form of the discussion regarding the MUX-bit register as claimed by independent claims 13, 24 and 31, the

examiner respectfully agrees with the applicant, however the claims stand rejection [sic] in view of the new matter rejection." Applicant has currently amended claims 13, 24 and 31 to remove the "unidirectionality" limitation which the Examiner asserts is new matter. All of the remaining claims are now directed to a position based system, rather than an addressable based system, as the Examiner found in agreement with Applicant's arguments. In light of the Examiner's agreement with Applicant's argument, Applicant believes that claims 13-14, 16-22, 24, 27-32, 34 and 36 are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that as amended herein the application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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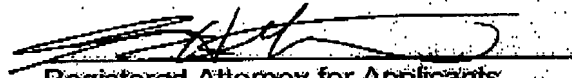


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